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## TELEGRAMS.

### LABOUR TROUBLES.

#### 100,000 MEN OUT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 1.30 a.m.

Yesterday was another day of incessant conferences, the Government doing its utmost to formulate a settlement.

Over one hundred thousand miners are now on strike. There have been fears of a strike in the Midlands and police have been conveyed in motor to the affected districts.—Reuter.

#### KING AND PREMIER.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 7.5 a.m.

Mr. Asquith has gone to the King.

#### DOWN TOOLS.

In the meanwhile the Scottish delegates in London have telegraphed to their districts to lay down their tools to-morrow.

#### DETERMINED WELSHMEN.

The Welsh engineers announce that they will strike anyhow to-morrow, thus rendering idle the whole coal-field.

#### OWNERS DIVIDED.

It is understood that the English coal owners in the federated area have agreed to accept the Government's scheme, including the minimum wage. The Northumberland and South Wales owners oppose the scheme, while the Scottish are divided. The miners are debating the acceptance of this as a partial settlement, while negotiations in South Wales, Northumberland and Scotland continue.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 8.5 a.m.

An official statement says that the Government proposes to institute district conferences between owners and miners to decide as to the minimum wage. A representative of the Government is to be present at each conference.

Should any of the conferences fail, the Government representative shall decide jointly on the outstanding points.

#### A REASONABLE WAGE.

The Government is satisfied that there are cases where the miners cannot earn a reasonable wage from causes which they cannot control and that power to secure such a wage should be secured by arrangements suitable to the circumstances of each district with adequate safeguards to protect the employers against abuse of these arrangements.

#### MINERS FIRM.

Bombay, Feb. 29, 8.30 a.m.

The miners re-affirm that there will be no settlement unless the minimum wage at the rate adopted by the Miners' Federation on Feb. 2 is conceded, and they will, therefore, not arbitrate on that point.

They decline to express an opinion on the question of safeguards, but are still willing to confer with the owners.

The conferences will be continued to-morrow.

## TELEGRAMS.

### LABOUR TROUBLES.

#### STILL CONFERRING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 7.25 p.m.

When Mr. Asquith returned from Buckingham Palace the miners' representative entered Downing Street while the owners were still conferring there. Shortly after, both owners and miners proceeded to the Foreign Office.

#### SETTLEMENT IMPROBABLE.

London, Feb. 28, 10.50 p.m.

A settlement to-night is improbable, but the Government and the miners were conferring at a late hour.

#### MEN STUBBORN.

London, Feb. 28, 5.15 a.m.

Subsequently the Ministers and Committee conferred for three hours, the Government finding it difficult to induce the miners to consider the proposals.

#### VERY DETERMINED.

The "Times" correspondent says that South Wales undoubtedly wants to fight, and the workers will hold out longer than is supposed. Even if there is no strike it will be difficult to keep the pits open as it has been arranged to divert local shipping to other ports. The "Times" says the miners in Durham and Northumberland are in a comparatively good financial position, and are very determined.

#### FIRST RIOTING.

The first rioting occurred at Chesterfield yesterday. As miners were proceeding to work they were pelted with stones and bottles. The riot was quickly suppressed by the police.

#### BLACK OUTLOOK.

London, Feb. 28, 3.45 p.m.

Mr. Thomas, a protagonist of the Welsh coal-owners, interviewed yesterday evening regarding the conferences said: "Matters remain exactly as in the morning. Nothing has been done." Other prominent men of both sides are equally pessimistic, and it is generally considered that a stoppage is now hardly preventable, whatever the result of the conferences. The miners are everywhere determined to insist on the minimum wage without hampering conditions. Liberal papers continue to declare that the Government, as a last resource, will rush through Bill establishing the minimum wage, and even suggest that the Government should take over the mines and operate them on the minimum wage. The "Times" says the Government submitted no proposal for legislation, either to the owners or to the miners yesterday.—Reuter.

#### AMERICA'S TROUBLE.

The anthracite miners in Pennsylvania are demanding an eight-hour day, and twenty per cent. increase in their wages. A strike is feared.—Reuter.

## TELEGRAMS.

### LATE DUKE OF FIFE.

#### FUNERAL AT WINDSOR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 1.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Windsor says that the funeral of the late Duke of Fife took place in St. George's Chapel.

The King and Queen attended as did the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. No uniforms were worn but all were in deep mourning.

The foreign ambassadors, the Earl of Cromar, Sir Edward Grey, and representatives of public bodies were also present.—Reuter.

### TROUBLE AT KINGSTON.

#### MOB FIRED UPON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 1.30 p.m.

Reuter's Kingston correspondent states that owing to popular disaffection over the tramway fares, rioting has broken out. The mob attacked policemen, and the jail Governor and his aide de camp, who were attempting to rescue a party of constables who had taken refuge in a liquor saloon, were assaulted by the rowdies with sticks, stones, etc. They escaped without serious injury. The Inspector-General read the "riot act," and the police then charged the mob, firing a volley. One person was killed outright, and another was fatally injured. Thirty others were wounded. The mob fled, and order was restored.

### KNOX AT PANAMA.

#### REASSURING SPEECH.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Panama states that Mr. Knox arrived there on the 23rd inst. During the course of a speech, he said it was the purpose of the United States to live in amity with its sister Republics, craving neither sovereignty nor territory.

## TELEGRAMS.

### TRIPOLI WAR.

#### FIGHTING AT HOMES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 29, 7.5 a.m.

Fighting occurred at homes throughout yesterday. The Italian rushed the heights at Mergheb and remained in possession in the evening, when the Turks and Arabs retired. They had sustained heavy losses, leaving their dead and wounded on the field, including many regulars.

The Italian casualties were eleven killed and 82 wounded.—Reuter.

#### EXPULSION DECREE.

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent says it is estimated that from six to ten thousand persons are affected by the decree expelling Italians from Palestine. They include many employed on the Bagdad Railway at Aleppo.—Reuter.

### BEIRUT BOMBARDMENT.

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

According to Reuter's Constantinople correspondent, the Volo of Beirut, states that forty-one men were killed from the warships, with twenty injured, and fifty-six townspeople were killed and fifty-eight wounded in the Italian bombardment.—Reuter.

### TEST CRICKET.

#### AUSTRALIA'S CHANCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 9.40 a.m.

In warm but overcast weather, the fifth Test match was continued. There was a fair attendance, and the wicket was slow and easy. England scored 214, Hodder capturing five wickets for 66 runs. Australia scored 193 for 3 wickets, of which Trumper scored 50, and Minnett 49, the latter unfinished. Stumps were drawn early on account of bad light. It will be continued tomorrow.—Reuter.

[Australia, with open wickets in hand, thus won 170 runs in order to win the last Test match.]

### HILL'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that D. Smith replaces Oltm Hill in the Australian team for the triangular test.—Reuter.

## TELEGRAMS.

### GUNBOAT SUNK.

#### SIX DROWNED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon states that the gunboat *Fa-o* collided with a tug and sank off Alvor. Six persons were drowned including the commander and the second officer. The rest were rescued with difficulty.—Reuter.

### BISLEY REGULATIONS.

#### ROSS RIFLE TROUBLE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 4.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that Mr. Hughes, while addressing the Dominion Rifle Association on the 27th inst., urged the sending of a team of Canadians to Bisley, who would return, however, with the next steamer if they were not allowed to use the Ross rifle and the Sutherland sight. Lord Chylesmore, interviewed in London, said it was absurd to suggest that new sighting regulations were designed to handicap the Canadians, who were given an extension of time in which to alter the sights of the Ross rifle.

### MEXICAN TROUBLE.

#### REBEL SUCCESS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

Mexican rebels have captured the Juarez garrison, who did not resist for fear of interference by the American troops, who are patrolling the frontier and are ready to enter Juarez if El Paso is endangered.—Reuter.

### PACIFIC ISLAND.

#### ANNEXED BY AMERICA.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 2.10 p.m.

The "New York Herald" correspondent at Washington states that the cruiser *West Virginia* has annexed Palmyra Island, in the middle of the Pacific, which has been also claimed by Great Britain.—Reuter.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEW CHINA.

#### FRUITION WITH JAPAN.

[INDEPENDENT NEWS' ASSOCIATION.]

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Since two Japanese were murdered at Ponkaihui the place has been guarded by Japanese troops. Japan has refused the request of the Chinese Government that she should withdraw these troops.

#### YUAN'S THREAT.

Shanghai Feb. 28.

Chang Kang, the viceroy of Kweichow, who has been endeavouring to raise popular opposition to the policy of the new government, has received a stern rebuke at the hands of Yuan Shih-kai. Though the viceroy has been backed by the Provisional Assembly of the province, Yuan has warned him in a telegram that persistence in the opposition will bring about a discontinuance of the remittance that he has been receiving from the government.

#### GERMAN ACTION.

The Governor of Kweichow, the German possession, has communicated with Yuan Shih-kai to the effect that republicans in the North and South will not be allowed to move freely within 100 li of the frontier.

#### MONGOLIA AND INDEPENDENCE.

The Mongolian Government has declared a separate independence and has despatched representative to the Diplomatic Corps to ask for recognition.

#### DUTCH ENQUIRIES.

The Dutch minister at Peking has cabled to Holland, asking for particulars into the allegations of ill-treatment meted out to Chinese in Java. No reply has been received up to the present.

#### AN ABORTIVE PROPOSAL.

The proposal to use the property of the China Merchant Steamship Co. as security for a foreign loan has fallen through.—"Shen Po."

### CANTON NEWS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Feb. 28.

Mark Tuk-sun, the adviser to the recently executed Shek Kam-chuen, for whose arrest \$200 was offered by the Governor-General was arrested on Monday last. The same afternoon he was taken to the Governor-General's residence and he remains there awaiting punishment.

It is reported that all S. C. K. belongings, with the exception of his widow's endowment, have been confiscated.

On account of the prevalence of small pox in Canton, the authorities have issued a proclamation requiring all persons to be vaccinated. At the same time a special warning is issued against the practice of using lymph taken from small pox patients. A number of public vaccinators have been stationed at the various police offices in the city.

Wong Chung-yan, Commissioner of Native Industries, in consequence of instructions from Nanking has issued a proclamation requiring owners of agricultural, mining, and fishing undertakings to do their utmost to expand their businesses.

## TELEGRAMS.

### HOME POLITICS.

#### ARMY AVIATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 28, 11.50 a.m.

The newspapers generally congratulate the Government upon including £308,000 in the army estimates for aviation.—Reuter.

#### POWERS AND CRETE.

#### FORCES STRENGTHENED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London Feb. 28, 7.25 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that the protecting Powers have decided to strengthen their naval forces at Crete.—Reuter.

### FATHER'S CRIME.

#### Prisoner's Desperate Efforts to Prove His Sanity.

The extraordinary spectacle of a man pleading to be hanged and making desperate efforts to avoid a respite of the capital sentence on the ground of insanity was witnessed at the Norwich Assizes.

Albert Reeves (20), a printer's reader, of Norwich, insisted on pleading guilty to murdering his infant son at Norwich on January 5, and attempting to kill himself on the same day. He declined the assistance of counsel offered by Mr. Justice Channell, and when Dr. Starling, the prison medical officer, stated in evidence that Reeves was not in a fit state to plead, the prisoner insisted on cross-examining the doctor to demonstrate his own sanity.

The doctor said the accused was suffering from obsessions, and had ideas which were not common to ordinary members of society. The prisoner believed he was morally tainted, and had said that the reason why he thought he was right in taking his son's life was because he believed that the taint was transmitted to him. As the judge was directing the finding that if the prisoner was of unsound mind, it would not be right to try him, accused exclaimed: "I am of sound mind. I realise the gravity of this charge. I have offended against the law, and I am here to satisfy the law."

Mr. Justice Channell: The insane person believes he is sane. A sane person would try to get off on the ground that he was insane. It is no use pursuing this.

The jury decided that Reeves was quite fit to stand his trial, and on this Mr. Justice Channell said he could not do otherwise than act upon their view. It was a satisfaction to know that the Home Secretary would direct an inquiry into the prisoner's mind, notwithstanding the conclusion the jury had come to. He had only to accept the prisoner's plea, and pass upon him the sentence of death. It was usual in such cases to address a few words to the prisoner, but his Lordship thought it would be necessary to do so, knowing what would happen.

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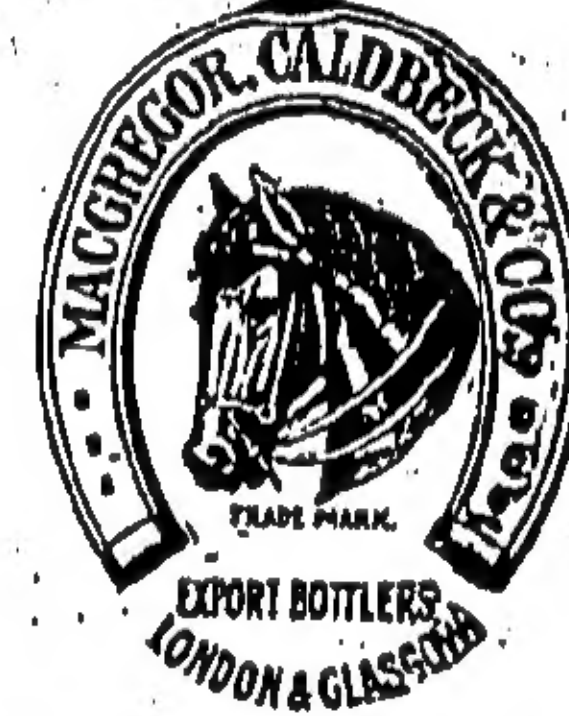
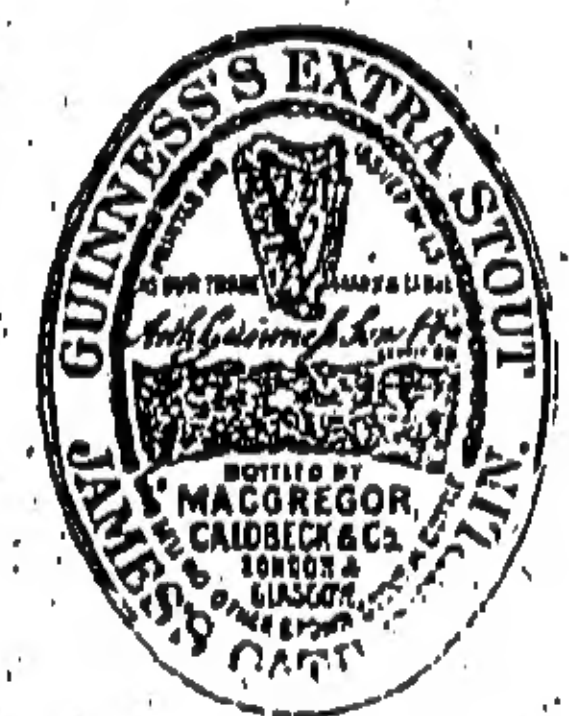
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OUR  
CONTEMPORARIES.

## WHAT THEY THINK.

## China Mail.

The Kowloon Market Scandal.  
After many months of waiting,  
the public is now in possession of  
the conclusions of the Public  
Works Committee in regard to  
the apportioning of the re-  
sponsibility for the delay which  
occurred in the erection of the  
new market at Kowloon and for  
the additional expenditure incur-  
red in connection with it. But  
we shall be very much surprised  
if the community accepts the  
report of the committee as a  
satisfactory document, considered  
from whatever standpoint it may  
be. It is by no means specific in  
pinning down the responsibility  
either for the delays or the  
enhanced expense, and the con-  
viction cannot be escaped that  
there is a distinct reluctance dis-  
played in bringing home to the  
Public Works Department what-  
ever share of the blame—and we  
think it is considerable—should  
rightly be laid to its charge.  
The report was received in  
silence by the Legislative Council  
on Tuesday, but we sincerely hope  
that unofficial members will not  
leave the matter to rest where it  
is but will insist on the right  
parties bearing the full odium of  
their sins of omission and of  
commission.

Daily Press.

## The Chinese in Java.

Whether it was wise of the  
Dutch authorities to attempt to  
suppress a very natural ebullition  
of feeling on the part of the  
Chinese community at Surabaya  
is a matter for themselves to  
decide, but the Chinese should  
not forget that Java is not China,  
and that when they choose to  
reside in foreign territory they  
must respect the laws and obey  
the orders of the constituted  
authorities. If those laws and  
regulations are disagreeable to  
them, they are free to quit and  
return home, or seek asylum else-  
where; they cannot complain of  
the consequences if they prefer  
to remain and defy the govern-  
ment of the territory. In a coun-  
try like Java, where a large, and  
by no means docile, native popu-  
lation is ruled by a handful of  
Dutch, the authorities could  
scarcely be expected to counten-  
ance large public demonstrations  
of rejoicing over the overthrow of  
the Government of China, and  
the international quarrel which  
has arisen out of the assertion by  
the Dutch policy of their legiti-  
mate authority involves therefore  
a principle of the highest import-  
ance.

South China Morning Post.

## Governorships.

The House of Lords has been  
engaging itself with the question  
of Colonial Governorships. Peers  
as well as Commoners are inquir-  
ing why these positions should be-  
come very nearly a military mono-  
poly. The Secretary of State, Mr.  
Harcourt, has laid it down that "a  
governorship lies quite outside the  
ordinary course of promotion in  
the Colonial service." Lord  
Selborne gave expression to the  
general "Why?" Lord Emmott's  
reply was but a new form of the  
question which has been indulged  
in concerning this matter on  
previous occasions. Then Lord Crewe  
delivered himself of the strange  
conviction that men who have  
risen step by step in the service  
do not resent the introduction of  
army officers to occupy the highest  
positions—"such men," said his  
Lordship, "as Sir Edward Har-  
court, Sir Frederick Lugard and  
Sir William Manning."



## PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR AMATEURS.

## Concerning Flashlights.

There are all sorts of devices for making flash—lamps, guns or pistols, powder pans, cartridges and, most simple of all, the flash sheet. This latter flash is the one which the beginner and the young amateur is advised to use, for it is practically harmless. Then, too, a holder has been made for the sheet which keeps it in place and also shields the eyes of the operator from the glare.

Simple as any device may seem, the amateur must always use great care handling the flashlight. The material of which it is composed is highly inflammable and needs only a spark to ignite and explode it. Those who would attempt flashlights will do well to acquaint themselves with the difference between flash powder, which is an explosive and must be used as such, and magnesium powder. The latter is harmless, but it cannot be used in place of the other, nor is the reverse the case. Both kinds resemble each other very closely on inspection, but are quite different in effect.

## An Important Point.

The important thing to know in the making of flashlights is the proper place for the light in reference to the subject or to the illumination of whatever objects are to be photographed. An excellent plan to follow is to take a lamp and place it in a number of positions until the one is found which gives not only the best illumination, but also the best effect of lights and shadows. When this is determined the flashlight is made from the chosen point.

Everyone knows that the tendency of the flash is to give sharp highlights and dense shadows. The flash should therefore not be made in a dark room, but in one which is well lighted by gas or lamps.

## When Making Portraits.

This is especially to be observed when making portraits by flash, for the shadows are not only softer, but the staring look in the eyes when a picture is taken in a suddenly lighted room is entirely done away with. The flash should be placed not on a level with the camera, but about six to eight feet from the floor, for a near portrait or group. At the greater distances required for large groups, as in banquet halls, the flash must be higher still. Care must be taken that no light from either lamp or flash comes within the angle of the lens or it will show.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

**Snake Tries to Swallow Child.**  
Says the Sydney "Evening News" of Jan. 8.—Miss Watts, of The Myall, 63 miles from Wollah, was aroused during the night by her little sister crying out that there was a snake in the bed. A search revealed the presence of a large carpet snake, which was in the act of trying to swallow the child. Mr. Watts scurried and sucked the wound on the little one's face, and she is now reported to be none the worse for her experience. The snake was promptly despatched, and was found to measure 7 ft. 6 in.

## The Artist's Model.

Details of a most outrageous attack on a young woman, a painter's model, have been recently sent from Paris. Her assailants were two members of her sex, who are total strangers to her. About 9.30 a.m. a taxi stopped at a corner of the Place Pinel, and from it alighted two trim girls, who, after a minute's deliberation posted themselves at opposite ends of the square. Soon afterwards the painter's model came along, and, as she approached, one of the girls referred to, a tall blonde, threw pepper into her face. Being thus blinded, the girl attacked groped her way along, and the other woman stepped forward and stabbed her twice in the chest. Fortunately the attack had been perceived by a mechanic, who was walking on the other side of the square. He gave the alarm to the police, and the injured woman was soon conveyed to the nearest hospital. She thinks that the two girls may have been induced to attempt her life by some female whose jealousy had been excited, but this is mere supposition. As a matter of fact, the painter's model was living quietly with her mother.

## Saving a Train.

—Sacramento, January, 20.

A report reached Division Superintendent H. W. Sheridan of the Southern Pacific to-day from Alta, Placer county, that Helen Martin, the seven-year-old daughter of Section Foreman Alfred Martin, saved Overland Limited train No. 2 from a wreck that would without doubt have resulted in the loss of many lives. Superintendent Sheridan has written to Helen and her sister, Alma, 14 years of age, who helped her stop the train, commending them and he will advise the company to reward them handsomely.

On Saturday afternoon little Helen discovered the broken rail on the main track. She was alone, but knew that No. 2 was due, for she was then looking for the semaphore to announce its entry into that block. She ran into the block station and telephoned the agent at Towle, but No. 2 had just passed Dutch Flat.

"Can't you stop No. 2?" the agent asked.

"I don't know; I'm pretty little," replied Helen, "but I'll try." Just then Alma appeared, and both ran down the track to meet the train, stopping it just in time.

The rail was found to be broken in three places, but by using great caution and proceeding very slowly the train crossed it with only a few minutes' delay. Had the train struck the broken rail at the usual speed it would have been wrecked.

The passengers were not aware of what had happened.

## FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

## A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during February his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographer, during the month.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

## Give Everyone a Chance.

Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of lifelike scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is an chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issues of Feb. 1 and 2.

## Photographic Competition Coupon.

Feb. 29, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

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P. WESTON,  
Naval Store Officer.  
H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [109]

## LOST.

ON Saturday the 24th February, at about 5.45 p.m., at the Race Course a Lady's Gold Chain, set with Pearls and Gold Chain, Safety Brooch, Pearl and Powder Puff Box, attached. Anyone returning same to Messrs. Denney & Bowley, No. 2, Cantonment Road Central will be suitably rewarded. Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1912. [201]

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1912.

### AN ANOMALY.

In whatever way it is looked at, from whatever angle it is considered, the Hongkong quarantine affair is a bad advertisement for the port. The broad facts are undisputed. A vessel running regularly between Hongkong and Canton comes into port with a case of suspected small-pox on board. The master very properly makes for the quarantine anchorage and signals for the port health authorities. There were upwards of seven hundred Chinese passengers on board, and in thus doing his duty the master was incurring the danger of troubles such as those which have been keeping the water police busy in Singapore. There, as readers know, turbulent scenes have occurred owing to the Chinese so wildly showing their dislike to detention in quarantine. It would be expected that the port medical officer would lose no time in going on board and taking the necessary steps. Instead of this two hours elapse before he goes on board, and another hour before it is announced that the passengers will all have to be vaccinated. He couples this with an announcement that the vaccination will be done the following morning. The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, faced with the prospect of having to detain several hundred passengers, who in all probability thought that the company was responsible for the delay, asked their own private doctors to undertake the vaccination. This they consented to do, but they learned to their surprise that they would not be allowed on board—the reason, being given, that by law no one other than the Government health officers could approach a vessel in quarantine. If, as was held, vaccination was necessary it should have been done at once instead of keeping the passengers on board all night and causing them to become irritated.

We have said that the affair constitutes a bad advertisement for the port. This is obviously so. Ship owners and masters will very naturally assume that they would do much better to give themselves the benefit of the uncertainty when a doubtful case of sickness occurs on board, instead of endeavouring to aid the authorities. It is no light thing for a company which largely depends upon the support of the Chinese to have a steamer with several hundred passengers detained for an indefinite period of time because the port health officer does not relieve the situation or expedite matters. It must be remembered, moreover, that Canton is so close to Hongkong and the avenues of communication are so many that it would be a practical impossibility to establish a strict quarantine on passengers from the former city. They come freely by land and sea. This being so, there is all the more reason, when a ship master does his duty in notifying a suspicious case, that the authorities should do theirs by expediting matters to the greatest possible extent. This in the Hongkong case they have flagrantly neglected to do, and the matter should not be permitted to rest in that unsatisfactory situation.

The system is at fault. A part of the size and importance of Hongkong should have its own medical staff, appointed and controlled as are other civil servants. It is a glaring anomaly that the duties of port health officer should be a mere adjunct to private practice. We are not casting the slightest reflection upon the gentleman who happens to hold the position, but, however satisfactorily the system may have worked in earlier days it is not working satisfactorily now. An appropriation should be made in the estimates for the maintenance of a Government Port Officer of Health, whose exclusive duty it should be to undertake the work now devolved. The unofficial member of the Legislative Council who took this matter up and forced it on to a satisfactory conclusion would deserve and obtain the thanks of the community.

### DAY-BY-DAY.

Sensible men show their sense by saying much in few words.

#### To-day's Paper.

The telegrams on the Coal Crisis on page 1 are of especial interest. On page 3 appear Photographic Notes and the last coupon available for the February competition. An interesting speech by the Speaker on Parliament is reproduced on page 8.

Invitations are being issued for a masquerade ball at the Club Germania on March 2.

A woman has been arrested in connection with the dumping of the body of a female child in the Eastern district.

Five boatmen were fined \$5 or seven days each at the Magistracy, to-day, for berthing their craft by Connaught Road West, without permission.

A fine of \$25 or a month's imprisonment was passed on a man charged at the Magistracy, to-day, with selling raw pork outside the market limit.

An Independent News Agency telegram from Tokyo dated Feb. 28, states that the text of the Franco-Japanese commercial treaty was published yesterday and becomes effective from to-day.

As a party of police were raiding a matchbox for gamblers several Chinese attempted rescue and obstruction. The police secured one of the would-be rescuers and he will be brought before the Magistrates.

The master of junk S8834 has reported that while his junk was anchored in Cheung Chau Harbour, the steam launch Hoi Ning collided with it, and damaged it to the extent of \$200. Fortunately no-one was injured.

Owing to the extraordinary influx of visitors to the Colony yesterday, the whole of the local hotels were taxed to their utmost and many people had to return to their respective ships in consequence of not being able to find accommodation.

At the Magistracy, to-day, two women were charged with dumping the dead bodies of children in the public thoroughfares. One woman who hailed from the Eastern district was fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment and the other woman who resides in West Point was fined \$10 or fourteen days.

A carpenter living in Kwai Wa Lane has been removed to the hospital suffering from injuries received to his head through falling down a staircase. It appears he was on a visit to a house which the police were about to raid on an opium warrant, and in his hurry to get away stumbled down the staircase and received the injuries stated.

Dr. B. W. Green, who was recently remanded at the Magistracy on a charge of embezzling the sum of 3,270 pesos in Manila, has made an application for permission to return to Manila and stand for trial without waiting for the extradition papers applied for to arrive. The permit has been granted and Dr. Green leaves in the morning in the custody of an officer by the name Rubi to-morrow.

At the Magistracy, this morning, the master of a fishing junk at Aberdeen summoned a man whom he had employed under monthly contract for leaving without giving notice. It transpired that these fishermen were engaged for the season, but are paid monthly. In this case the man obtained an advance of \$25, and then absented himself. The bench found him guilty and sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment.

Thirteen. The Russian Vice-Consul in Colombo, M. Tolokoff, committed suicide at Galle on Feb. 13 in room 13 of the New Oriental Hotel.

The death is announced of the Rev. George Roy-Badenoch, editor of the "Asiatic Quarterly Review."

Mr. J. Lloyd, of the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Bangkok, has been transferred to Hongkong.

An engineer named Thomas died this morning, from injuries received through a fall. An inquest will probably be held.

The body of a female child has been found floating in the water near the Military pier at Tyeemun. The body was in a decomposed condition.

We are courteously informed by the Colonial Secretary's office that Burma has declared Hongkong to be an infected port on account of plague.

At Tacoma, in Washington State, recently, H. M. Forbes, a bookkeeper, committed suicide owing to financial troubles. On the following day news arrived that Forbes' aunt, who had died in Massachusetts, had left him a fortune.

The Singapore "Free Press" says:—"There is a rumour current in Seremban that Captain Tam Yung will probably be appointed by the republicans a Viceroy of Canton shortly." It is somewhat of a novelty for republicans to appoint a Viceroy.

It is stated that Mr. Sargent has so far broken his vow not to paint any more portraits as to paint M. Nijinsky, the Russian dancer. Possibly his decision only applies to fashionable commissions. It is of interest to see that the popular excitement about the Russian dancers has its reflection in the art of our day. Mr. Sargent will allow future generations to see what manner of man the flying Nijinsky was, and in Mr. Lavery's paintings Pavlova will live on as a Bacchante with vine-leaves in her hair.

The Earl of Tankerville, who recently visited America, has returned to England. Speaking on the controversy which arose from reported interviews in connection with the placing of his son, Lord Ossulston, in a Boston school, he said that he had been entirely misrepresented, and that the few words he had spoken had been twisted beyond recognition. Lord Ossulston, he said, was taken away from Tilton upon the strong recommendation of an eminent London physician. He repudiated emphatically the suggestion as to "kow-towing," sycophancy, and boot-licking at Eton.

The following is from the "Straits Times":—"While congratulating Mr. R. Kozhevnik on his promotion to Chief Agent for the P. & O. Company at Yokohama, we are extremely sorry to record his departure from Singapore. He has been second in command here for several years and was in full charge during the absence of Mr. Buckland on leave. His courtesy has been warmly appreciated, and the press is indebted to him, in his capacity as acting local agent for Router, for completing the arrangements under which Singapore now enjoys a greatly increased telegraphic news service.

#### Singapore Police.

Taking advantage of the offer made recently by Government—that those who did not care for the new terms could have free passages home or to the Colonies—three more European police officers left for England to-day by the Himalaya, says the "Straits Times" of Feb. 22. They are Sergeant Downing and E.P.O.'s Hallett and Baker. The departure of these three brings the total of recent resignations up to the neighbourhood of twenty, which includes the whole of the batch of Metropolitan men who came out several months ago, and who have repented their choice. So far the authorities do not seem to have recruited any fresh blood to fill the vacancies.

### SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING CO. LTD.

#### Allotment of Shares.

The following telegram from London has been received to-day:—The Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. is about to make a pro rata allotment of ordinary shares—at a premium of 45/- per share to its ordinary shareholders. The proportion to be allotted is one share in six, and the dates of payment are as follows. One pound (£1) per share on or before the 12th March 1912, one pound (£1) per share on or before the 25th March 1912, and one pound 5/- (£1/5/-) per share on or before the 25th April 1912.

### THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW.

#### Final Arrangements.

All this morning there has been a constant stream of coolies, laden with fragrant burdens making their way to the matchless which have been erected on the plot of ground opposite the Hongkong Club. The reason for this is that to-morrow is the opening day of the Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower show, and according to the rules governing the competitions all groups of plants and pot plants must be completely staged by six o'clock this evening. Vegetables have to be displayed by 9 a.m. to-morrow, cut flowers by ten and table decorations by noon.

The whole of the plot, facing the Club has been enclosed by a matchless, somewhat in the form of a verandah, opening out on to the vacant space in the middle, and it is under this roof that the principal exhibits will be displayed on benches, erected for the purpose and covered with a green material, set out in two rows with a passage between. Entrance will be through double gates opposite the Law Courts.

When a "Telegraph" representative visited the show this morning, much of the preliminary work was completed and the enclosure was already gay with many pots of choice flowers ranging from the humblest to the commoner larkspur, nasturtium, daisy and pansy, while of course there were many beautiful flowers with names unfamiliar to the average European. They were all very fine, placed as they were, haphazardly, waiting the final attention of exhibitors, they transformed the untidy patch of ground into the resemblance of a flower garden laid out in that profuse confusion which cannot fail to be pleasing to the eye.

A chat with Mr. L. Gibbs, the energetic secretary, who was busy on the ground elicited the fact that entries this year were not so numerous as those for the 1911 show and the reason given for this was that many well known horticultural enthusiasts and exhibitors had either died or left the Colony. Among others whose names will be missed from the competition lists, and whose flowers will leave a large gap, Mr. Gibbs mentioned the names of the late Sir Hormusjee Modji and Mr. Dorabjee, both of whom usually sent good displays. "Nevertheless you will have a good show this time?"—asked our representative. "I hope so" was the reply of Mr. Gibbs.

The arrangements that the committee have made includes the provision of tea. During the show on both days, the band of the K.O.Y.L.I., by permission of Lieut. Col. Hamilton and the officers, will play. Prizes will be distributed to-morrow at 5 p.m. The choice of the "finest site" as the habitat of the show instead of the Gardens, will be acceptable to most.

A planter at Kuala Kangsar, according to a contemporary, is going in for Zanzibar chillies as a catch crop. Chillies are as common as bananas and almost equally cheap, but of the two chillies are far more preferable as a catch crop. For rubber, it would not take very long to eradicate the plant, when there is no longer any need for it as it does to exterminate the "pisang" tree.

### LOCAL SPORT.

#### Soldiers Club Billiard Tournament.

The Royal Engineers, as a result of their two games against 88 Company R.G.A. on Tuesday night converted their deficit of 22 to a lead of 159. The first game was between Corporal Carpenter and Bombr. Yates. Scoring was very even until each had compiled 133, when Carpenter assumed the lead, which he kept, and beat his opponent by 77 points.

Staff Sergeant Giddy and Gunner Jones were the next two contestants. The former won by 104.

Corpl. Carpenter 250.  
Bombr. Yates 173.  
S. Sgt. Giddy 250.  
Gr. Jones 146.

The fourth and fifth games between the R.E. "B" team and 88 Company R.G.A. were played on Wednesday night in which the latter reduced their rivals' lead by 43 points.

The first game was between Sergt. Powell, R.G.A., and Sergt. Rudd, R.E. Both players played a cautious game, sometimes too cautious, missing easy shots. Sergt. Powell's best breaks were 10, 10 (twice), and 13. Those of Sergt. Rudd were 10 (3 times), 15 and 12. Rudd won by 2. The next pair were Sergt. Humber and Gunner Montgomery, and their game was played before a big house. Much interest was taken in this match, as both are players of above the average ability. A good game was anticipated, and in this the spectators were not disappointed. Montgomery eventually proved the winner, beating his opponent by 41 points, his chief break being 11, 18 and two 19's. Sergt. Humber's only double figure breaks being 21 and 11.

88 Coy. R.G.A.  
Sergt. Powell ..... 248  
Gunner Montgomery ..... 250  
R.E. "B"

Sergt. Rudd ..... 250  
Sergt. Humber ..... 200

### YACHTING.

#### R.H.Y.C.

The ninth club race for each class was sailed on Saturday Feb. 24 in pleasant weather.

The course was Iyemun Beacon (port), Cust Rocks (port) 8.1-2 miles. Four boats competed viz: Iris, Dione, Kathleen and Colleen. The two former took the lead early. Dione rounding the Beacon a little ahead of Iris, Kathleen third and Colleen fourth.

On the run to Cust Rock Buoy, Dione and Iris kept practically level and unapproaching the buoy Iris took the lead and rounded first, and sailing in good form, maintained it on the beat to Channel Rocks and on the run home, finishing 43 seconds ahead of Dione. Kathleen showed some of her old form and very nearly secured second place. Colleen appeared to be off colour and finished some forty seconds astern of Kathleen.

The finishing times were:—  
Actual time. Corrected time  
Iris ..... 4, 10, 15 4, 16, 15  
Dione ..... 4, 10, 58 4, 16, 58  
Kathleen ..... 4, 22, 0 4, 17, 21-2  
Colleen ..... 4, 22, 40 4, 17, 42-1-2  
The marks to date are:—  
Dione ..... 40  
Colleen ..... 35  
Iris ..... 28  
Dorothea ..... 22  
Kathleen ..... 18  
Rollo ..... 11.

One Design Class.  
The course for this class was Channel Rocks (port), Cust Rocks Buoy (port), Kowloon Rocks (star), Channel Rocks (star) 7.7 miles.

Five boats competed viz:—Ailsa, Bonito 11, Alannah 11, Daphne and Halcyon. Ailsa once more showed the way round the course and scored another win. Bonito 11 was second, Alannah 11 third Halcyon fourth and Daphne fifth.

Finishing Marks times to Date  
Ailsa ..... 4, 10, 42 54  
Bonito ..... 4, 21, 15 37  
Alannah II ..... 4, 22, 45 23  
Halcyon ..... 4, 24, 0 10  
Daphne ..... 4, 25, 0 18.

Dinghy Class.  
Three boats started, viz. Joan, No. 5, and Sprite. Joan won with No. 5 second.

Marks to date:—Joan, 21; No. 5, 15; Sprite, 15; Mephistopheles, 5; Halcyon, 2.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### Nepaul and China.

What about Nepaul and the new Chinese Government? It is just seventy years since the Chinese Emperor discovered that the Forengli of Calcutta were part of what they called the Delhi Pasha's dominions. China was first confronted with these Forengli in her war with Nepaul (1790-92), and it was not until Lord Macartney's arrival at Jehol in 1793 that it was made clear how the English at Canton were the same people as the Forengli, or "Franks," of Calcutta. The crowning of King George on the old Delhi Pasha's throne has placed a coping-stone on the whole business. Notwithstanding this, Nepaul still sends periodical tribute to China, and in 1815 the Emperor of China officially agreed to Nepaul's "joining the Forengli rule" so long as tribute was sent by Nepaul regularly to China. This precedent has never been broken, except that last year China began tentatively to claim political influence over Nepaul.

#### The King and An: 1.a.

In a leading article published in connection with the visit of the Duke of Connaught to the United States of America we suggested the possibility of an interchange of visits some time in the future between the King and the President. It is to be noted that this possibility has attracted attention on both sides of the Atlantic. When the visit of the Duke of Connaught came to a close he made the following communication for publication:—

The Duke is not aware of any forthcoming visit to the United States by King George and Queen Mary, but he hopes that such a visit may take place, for the Duke is certain that Majesties would enjoy it.

Naturally the Duke of Connaught could not be more specific, but his announcement contains a healthy germ of hope. Such an interchange of visits would certainly tend to increase the mutual sympathy and understanding between America and Great Britain, and might exercise a very considerable effect in securing the peace of the world.

#### Nurses and the Muses.

Misprints, however they may amuse the outsider, seldom raise a smile on the faces of those engaged in the production of newspapers. But a delicious example from a Home paper is much too good to overlook. It occurred in a review of a book of poems by the Rev. George Mitchell, formerly a policeman and well known as the "policeman-poet." Some verses are quoted from his policeman days, including this stanza:—

Think not because when in the street  
At evening I lay upon my beat  
I love to sit with the nurse,  
I fail to keep a keen look out  
For burglars who may be about  
Or ought that law abides

It will be observed that "nurses," though cynically apt, does not rhyme with "abuses." It should, of course, have been "Muses." The compositor who happens upon a badly written word and who uses his brain to arrive at the likeliest word is not always an unimpaired blessing.

#### A General's Handkerchief.

An engaging little story comes to hand and concerns General Sir Ian Hamilton who is known in the Far East. (Did he not write about the most popular book relating to the Russo-Japanese War?) It appears that when General Hamilton was inspecting the Imperial Forces in South Africa last year he met at Harri-smith Mr. J. H. J. Wessels, a Boer, who when the general was wounded at Majuba lent him a bandana handkerchief with which to stem the flow of blood.

The general, promised to send the handkerchief to Mr. Wessels on his return home, but, according to the "Diamond Fields Advertiser," has just sent to the Mayor of Harri-smith for Mr. Wessels a new handkerchief in an inscribed silver casket, with a letter stating that although the coat and kilts were at Majuba were still preserved, the handkerchief, having been bloodstained, had rotted away to nothing.



## COMPANY REPORT.

## China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's Offices on Thursday, March 7, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon:—

The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts made up to December 31 last.

1910.—The Balance at Credit of Working Account as per last Report was \$465,144.45. Add, Premiums since received 76,191.83

Deduct Claims paid in 1911..... \$143,918.54  
Return Premium, &c., &c..... 50,765.87

Balance of Profit..... \$316,051.03

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—  
Dividend of 8% and Bonus of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares..... \$180,000.00

To add to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$717,248.46..... 51,324.39

To add to investment account..... 10,000.00

To provide for a reinsurance fund of..... 100,000.00

Bonus to office staff..... 5,227.54

1911.—The balance at credit of working account at the close of this year was \$501,061.28.

Directors.—Mr. G. Bullock resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. W. L. Patterson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On the return of Mr. E. Shiellin, Mr. W. Logan resigned and the former gentleman was invited to rejoin the board.

These appointments require the confirmation of shareholders.

Mr. H. A. Siebs and Mr. F. Lieb retired by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

Working Account, January 1, to December 31, 1911

To Charges Account:—  
Rent..... \$56,513.22

Salaries, Legal & Surveyors' Fees..... 7,400.00

Taxes, Stamps, Stationery, &c..... \$63,043.22

To Commission Account:—  
Agents' Commissions..... 123,921.66

To Losses Account 1911:—  
Claims after deduction of Re-insurances..... 147,088.04

To Amount Written off:—  
Furniture Account..... 110.00

To Exchange Account:—  
Differences in Exchange..... 5,129.81

To Balance..... 501,061.28

## Balance Sheet, December 31, 1911.

## Liabilities.

## Capital Account:—

20,000 Shares of \$100 each \$2,000,000.00

per Share paid up \$400,000.00

Reserve Fund..... 1,000,000.00

Extra Reserve Fund..... 717,248.46

Investment Fluctuation Account..... 4,047.75

Reinsurance Fund..... 100,000.00

Accounts Payable:—  
Dividend for 1910 \$180,000.00

Losses Outstanding..... 291,981.79

Sundries..... 501,061.28

Working Account, 1911..... \$3,014,339.28

Balance at Credit..... \$3,014,339.28

## Assets.

Cash at Bankers..... \$51,169.27

Fixed Deposits at Banks:—  
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Corp'n..... \$197,862.74

Chartered Bank of India, A. & C..... 80,000.00

Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd..... 80,000.00

International Banking Corp'n..... 70,000.00

Netherlands Trading Society..... 25,000.00

Deutsch-Asiatische Bank..... 50,000.00

Investments:—  
Chinese Govt. Bonds..... 39,465.04

Tientsin-Pukow Ry. Sterling Bonds..... 55,327.73

Imp. Chinese Ry. S'hai-Nanking Sterling Bonds..... 56,470.59

China Huankiang Ry. Loan Sterling Bonds..... 27,025.21

Hongkong Club Debentures..... 17,400.00

Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, Debentures..... 50,000.00

S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd., Debentures..... 47,224.01

Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., Debentures..... 8,026.75

Shanghai Club Debentures..... 6,421.40

Shares in Public Companies..... 461,519.78

Loan on Mortgage:—  
On Properties in Hongkong..... \$1,292,300.00

On Properties in Shanghai..... 140,468.22

On Properties in Canton..... 150,000.00

On Properties in Shanghai..... 140,468.22

Furniture Account:—  
Office Furniture, &c..... 900.00

Accounts Receivable:—  
Premium due from Agencies, Interest due on Deposits and Investments, &c..... 157,558.54

1,582,768.22

By Premium Account—  
Premium after deduction of Re-insurances..... \$602,026.30

By Interest Account:—  
Amount at Credit, including Interest due on Deposits and Investments, &c..... 178,501.31

By Transfer Fee Account:—  
Amount at Credit..... 127.00

\$841,254.61

Or, H. F. Hickman, Acting Secretary

H. A. Siebs, F. Shiellin, Directors

Auditors' Report:—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company with the books and vouchers in Hongkong and the returns received from the various Agencies for the year ending December 31, 1911.

We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of

the Securities for Investment, the cash at Bankers and on Mortgage to the amounts specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet, which includes the allocation of the 1910 Working Account balance as shown by the Directors' report of date attached, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

W. Hutton Potts, A. R. Lowe, & Co., Auditors.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1912.

## SALE OF PONIES.

## Spirited Bidding and High Prices.

Mr. F. C. Hurley of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, sold by auction the following ponies yesterday. The names of the purchasers are also given:—

Real Rose, Mr. Schuman, \$45  
Beans, Mr. Sun Hing, 20  
Teddies, Sz Li Woo, 10  
Cavite, Mr. Schuman, 15

Reformer, withdrawn, 70  
Lima Tree, Mr. Kennedy, 35  
Tralos, Mr. Roeha, 35  
Mellowheart, Mr. Kennedy, 90

Sumpitan, withdrawn, 55  
Urgent, Po Hing Cheong, 150  
Deerfoot, 65  
Cress, 65

White Violet, Mr. Kennedy, 35  
White Lily, Mr. Kennedy, 40  
White Lilac, Mr. Brutton, 215

White Daisy, withdrawn, 50  
White Heather, withdrawn, 50  
Bantam, 150  
Cadzow's Lion, Mr. Whitermore, 300

Madrigal, Mr. Hough, 75  
Fanning, Comdr. Lamb, 70  
Odcombe, Mr. Kozza (Canton), 35  
Lyndington, Mr. Winter, 35

Oil King, withdrawn, 80  
Auchindoon, Mr. Patterson, 80  
Birmingham, Mr. Hickman, 105  
Bredon Hill, Mr. Stewart, 215

Deford, Mr. H. P. White, 340  
Ben Nevis, Capt. Hughes, 95  
Sylvia (polo pony), 70  
Capt. Hughes, 95

De-Lomond, Mr. Winter, 80  
Ben Lai, Kwong Hing Cheung, 85  
James, Kwong Hing Cheung, 80

Blue Bird, Kwong Hing Cheung, 70  
Snowstorm, Kwong Hing Cheung, 65  
Inen, Kwong Hing Cheung, 100

Florent, Mr. Doetting, 190  
Kiangwan, Mr. Shuter, 125  
Dun pony, K. Hoo Cheung, 115

Spranza, Mr. Blason, 100  
Caprice, K. Hoo Cheung, 195  
Esperanto, Mr. Master, 125

Alacrit, Mr. Lauing, 65  
Rejected, K. Hoo Cheung, 125  
Gordon, K. Hoo Cheung, 90

Tiedland, Mr. Kennedy, 90  
The Straggler, K. Hoo Cheung, 65  
Greyhuck, Mr. Roeha, 300

Elburz, Mr. L. A. Marchant, 300  
Chibby, Mr. Kennedy, 40  
Furnell (late Dase), Mr. Clives, 40

Chestnut pony, Sun Hing, 35  
Grey pony, Talm wah, 40  
Child's small pony, K. Hoo Cheung, 45

Brown pony, Sun Hing, 35  
Lady's Hack, Tow Fook, 150

The crack racing ponies were disposed of privately previous to the sale, and the taking of this course was regretted by many owners when they realised the spirited bidding and high prices prevailing at the auction.

Quite a number of hacks and polo-ponies as well as racers came under the hammer.

## DON'T FORGET.

Thursday, Feb. 29.  
Annual General Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p. m.

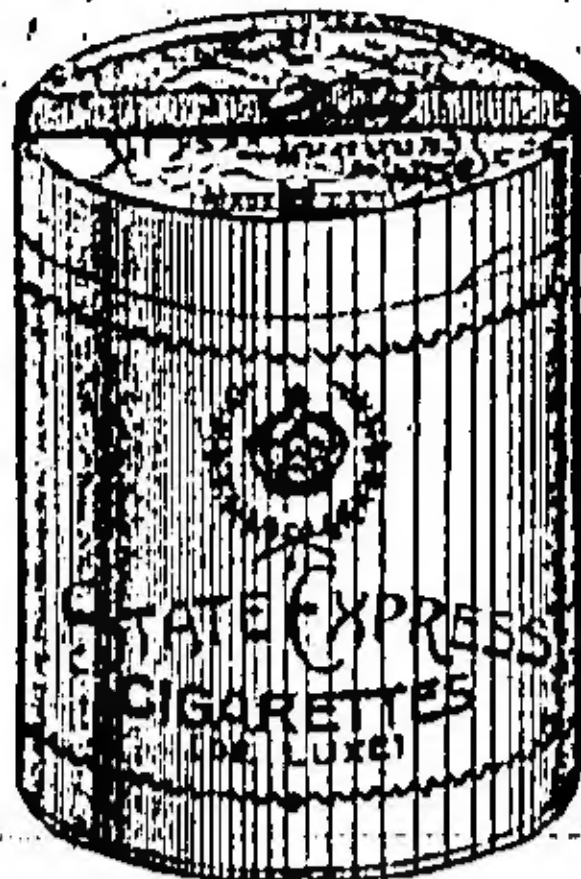
Friday, March 1.  
Horticultural Society Show, S. M. S. Schanhorst, Concert, Theatre Royal, 9 p. m.

Saturday, March 2.  
Half-yearly meeting Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p. m.

Thursday, March 7.  
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., meeting, noon.

Saturday, March 9.  
Annual meeting, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., 12.30 p. m.

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## ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Sentiment Cooling in Japan.

The Tokyo correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" wrote on Feb. 14:—The "Japan Advertiser" says that when two newspapers of the undoubted prominence and influence of the Osaka "Mainichi" and the "Kokumin" begin to write questioning the efficiency of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that it no longer enjoys the widespread popularity of its early years. But the comparative redundancy of the alliance at this date is really a high flatterer testimony to its record of achievement in the diplomatic sphere, for without the alliance Japan could hardly have attained a position so strong as to enable her to contemplate, almost with equanimity, the prospect of its denunciation hereafter. The sentiment that impelled Japan to enter into this arrangement was undoubtedly fear of Russia. In the absence of the guarantee provided by the alliance that no third party could presume to interfere without reckoning with Great Britain, Japan would never have ventured to challenge Russia. Now that, thanks to this war, Japan has succeeded in eliminating the Muscovite menace for some time to come, it is foolish to rail at either Japan or Great Britain for their clear-sighted recognition of the changed situation which has justified some modification of the terms of the original agreement. Finally, whatever the shortcomings of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is clearly unreasonable to bring forward against one of the parties thereto totally unsupported charges of bad faith in the observance of its obligations.

The "Japan Times" emphasizes that the new clause in the treaty of alliance as to the proposed Anglo-American General Arbitration Treaty is as good as non-existent, for neither of the contracting parties has as yet

concluded an agreement of general arbitration with any other Power. Consequently, the revised treaty is of the same scope and binding force as the previous ones. In any case, in the minds of those who take their country to heart, both in Great Britain and Japan, the alliance is as vital as it has been. Not only that, but they see its ever growing importance and indispensability. To-day there exists a perfect understanding between Great Britain, Japan and Russia, and together they form a great bulwark of peace. Take away the alliance, the Anglo-Russian and Russo-Japanese ententes will lose more than half their reliability.

The "Japan Chronicle" states that it is evidence of the very inadequate knowledge of Japanese opinion by the English Press, that it should regard a remark made by the "Mainichi" to the effect that the alliance had no longer any vitality, as showing a change of sentiment in Japan. When the news of the amendment was received in Japan the general feeling was that the alliance was practically at an end, and this feeling obtained wide utterance both in the Press and by public men.

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